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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE REGARDING TURKEY  
CHANGE OF STATUS AT THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT (EBRD).

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In response to reftel, Louisa Gault policy officer in the European Division of New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) informed Embassy that MFAT has not yet developed a formal position on Turkey's request to change membership status with respect to the mandate of the EBRD. Despite the lack of a formal position, MFAT remains open to the plan proposed by the United States and would not oppose it. However, MFAT remains cautious that it (the U.S. plan) may mean that members could lose the opportunity to undertake a wholesale review of the EBRD mandate that has been slated for the Capital Resources Review 4 in 2010. Per Gault, "we think that this 2010 review is important as the timescale for U.S review is very short." Any additional information that State or Treasury could offer to address MFAT's concern would help further ensure GNZ support.  
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